

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
LOK SABHA**

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VISION DOCUMENT FOR NORTH EAST
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Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated a North-East Vision-2020 document for comprehensive development of the region;
- (b) if so, the details and the salient features thereof;
- (c) whether any specific action plans have been worked out to operationalise the Vision document;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the allocations made to different Ministries under the 12th Five Year Plan for these action plans?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR)

(a)&(b) Yes Sir. North Eastern Region Vision 2020 document prepared in July, 2008 has laid down goals, identified challenges and suggested implementation strategies for comprehensive development in various sectors to ensure peace and prosperity of the region. Vision 2020 provides roadmap to all stakeholders such as line Ministries of Union Government, Planning Commission, North Eastern Council and State Governments for formulation of integrated plan for development of North Eastern Region. Salient objectives for comprehensive development of the Region are as following :-

- (i) Improve indices of development for the region to catch up with rest of the country;
- (ii) Structural transformation of economies of North-Eastern States by effecting significant changes in development strategies to achieve higher growth rates of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) to equal to national averages;
- (iii) Poverty eradication based on participatory planning and with private sector participation for growth;
- (iv) Maximizing self-governance by building capacity of people, institutions and traditional / local institutions to enable participation in growth process;
- (v) Harnessing available local resources for development;
- (vi) Substantial strengthening of infrastructure;
- (vii) Expand trade and commerce in the region
- (viii) Effective governance for establishing peace and harmony.

(c)&(d) Seventeen Thematic Groups were constituted by Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) to work out specific action plans to operationalize Vision 2020 document, based on various disciplines/ sectors outlined therein. These Groups presented their findings for working out detailed action plan for development of North Eastern Region in meeting held in Shillong on 3rd & 4th December, 2008. Action points posed by Thematic Groups were culled out for implementation by Ministries concerned and those Ministries are pursued by MDoNER and North Eastern Council to implement action plan in relevant fields. Concerned Ministries are invited to spell out their development plans and ongoing activities in North Eastern Region in North Eastern Council meetings.

(e) These action plans are implemented in North-Eastern Region by Ministries concerned from their annual gross budgetary allocation and, as such, 12th Five Year Plan allocations to Central Ministries for these action plans cannot be quantified. There are fifty-three non-exempted Central line Ministries/ Departments which are mandated to earmark at least 10% of their annual budget, less allocation for externally aided schemes and local or event specific schemes /projects for expenditure in the Region. Unutilized portion of funds earmarked by non-exempted Ministries is surrendered at close of each financial year in Non- Lapsable Pool of Resources (NLCPR) which is being maintained on proforma basis. MDoNER sanctions infrastructure projects for North Eastern States out of NLCPR as per priority of State Governments and keeping in mind backwardness quotient of the State.